

## JURY FINDS MRS. TEITLEBAUM NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

Was Out But Fifteen Minutes When Verdict of Acquittal Was Returned--Defendant Overwhelmed.

After being out but fifteen minutes, the jury in the case of Virginia Valdez de Teitlebaum charged with being an accessory before the fact in the murder of her husband, John H. Teitlebaum, the aged Tecolote merchant, returned a verdict finding the defendant not guilty. The case was given to the jury at 2:45 o'clock, and at 3 o'clock the report was announced. The court room was packed to suffocation when the verdict was brought in, and as the foreman of the jury read the words "not guilty" deafening cheers echoed throughout the court room and corridors. Mrs. Teitlebaum was visibly affected by the verdict and cried with joy. With her in the court room were her gray-haired mother and step-father, and both embraced her. Scores of friends crowded about her to offer their congratulations and the court bailiffs had their hands full for a moment. The verdict of acquittal was quite a victory for O. A. Larrazolo, counsel for the defendant. Accompanied by her step-father and her mother, Mrs. Teitlebaum left the court room a free woman.

The case of the Territory vs. Virginia Valdez de Teitlebaum which has been on trial in the district court for the past week was concluded today. The evidence on the part of the defense closed yesterday at 4 p. m. by the defendant going on the stand, and detailing the history of her life from the time of her marriage to John H. Teitlebaum. Her story was a simple one and told in a very convincing manner, and the long and searching cross-examination of District Attorney Ward failed to bring out any contradictory statements on her part. She stated that she married John H. Teitlebaum in the year 1906, and that she immediately went to live with him at Tecolote, where her husband conducted a small store and saloon. That during all the time they lived together she had servants in the house to do the housework and the greater part of the time from the fall of 1906, until January 1st 1908, her mother and her step-father lived in the same house with them. The house consisted of a kitchen, one sitting room and three small bedrooms. She testified that Leandro Romero commenced working for her husband in August 1907, and that his work consisted in sweeping out the store, and looking after the corral and work in the garden. She denied ever being criminally intimate with Romero, and branded all his statements as to their intimacy false and also the statement that she asked Romero to kill her husband. Her testimony, and the manner of giving it, made a most excellent impression on the audience, and when she stepped from the witness stand, those present felt that she had helped her case considerably by her clear and concise statements.

**Closing Arguments.**  
District Attorney Ward then addressed the jury for one hour when the court took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m., and during the night session Mr. Larrazolo spoke for one hour, in behalf of his client. The court room was crowded to its utmost capacity, and Mr. Larrazolo made one of the most convincing and eloquent addresses ever heard in the district court room. This morning Mr. Larrazolo again addressed the

jury for one hour, closing on the part of the defense at 10:30, when Judge Long made the final address on behalf of the territory, speaking until the noon adjournment. At two p. m. Judge Mills instructed the jury, and they retired to deliberate upon their verdict.

**An Affecting Scene.**  
A very affecting scene took place in the court room when Mr. Larrazolo, counsel for the defense, was making his closing plea in behalf of the defendant. He pictured the defendant as a woman, poor and friendless, without money to pay her counsel fees, with the power of the territory, and paid counsel by the brother of the deceased pursuing her with pitiless purpose; that she was willing to leave her case with the jury, believing that it would do justice to her. Like the woman in holy writ, pursued by the people, who rushed to the Savior for protection, she asked the protection of the jury, and she plead with the jury to be as merciful as the great master was on that memorable occasion, when he raised his hand to stay the mob and said: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

### ROMANTIC LOVE AFFAIR CULMINATES IN SUICIDE.

New York, June 5.—Louis Milgrom, a young Russian, committed suicide here yesterday after receiving a note from St. Petersburg that his sweetheart, Lolka Rainovitch, had been banished to Siberia for life. Milgrom and the girl had been involved in a revolutionary movement and he had fled to this country. He sent money for the girl to follow him, but received the money back together with the information about the girl's plight. He then killed himself.

### DOLLIVER ENLIVENS DEBATE ON TARIFF

Washington, June 5.—Senator Dolliver of Iowa attacked Senator Aldrich and his cotton goods schedule this morning when he opposed a request by the finance committee for a vote on the schedule. He said he had lost faith in the statistics of Mr. Aldrich and did not see where the finance committee had the privilege of telling the senators when and how to vote. The report that only ten percent of the cotton cloth schedule had been changed on authority of Mr. Aldrich and denying this on authority of Mr. Smoot that only 30 per cent remained unchanged. Mr. Dolliver brought an answer from Aldrich, who said that less than ten per cent had been affected by the provisions of the committee's amendment. Mr. Dolliver read a petition from the merchants of New York, asking that the duties be not increased and at the request of Mr. Aldrich he read their names. Mr. Aldrich contended they were importers, while Mr. Dolliver insisted they were representative merchants. "It is a strange thing," said Mr. Dolliver, "to find the heads of the Republican party reproaching the merchants of the country for extravagance which have grown up with the protective tariff."

Declaring that the cotton tariff had been increased, Mr. Dolliver launched into these schedules. He said Mr. Smoot had declared the rates had been "equalized" but this was impossible without raising some and lowering others. Then he compared the Wilson and Dingley tariff laws. He commented on the Dingley law as in-

terpreted by Mr. Aldrich and his apologists.

"Then we have two Dingley laws?" asked Mr. Tillman.

"Yes," answered Mr. Dolliver, "one on the statute books and the other in the imagination of the Senator from Rhode Island."

Senator Aldrich is reported as saying that the tariff bill will be in conference committee by July first. The independents say it will not get there before July fifteenth. The fight is waxing hotter on oil, wool, hides and lumber.

### TAFT CANCELS PROPOSED TRIP TO FAR NORTH.

Washington, June 5.—President Taft this morning told Chairman Tawney of the appropriations committee of the house that he did not wish an appropriation made for his proposed trip to Alaska as Mrs. Taft was ill and might not be able to make the trip until after navigation closes in Alaskan waters. He said he believed he might make a trip to the Seattle Exposition however.

### ROSWELL WOMAN HEIR TO LARGE FORTUNE.

Roswell N. M., June 5.—Mrs. Isaac Gronsky, of Roswell, is one of 17 heirs who are to receive from \$65,000 to \$100,000 each from the estate of a multi-millionaire uncle who died recently. The wife of the deceased has a life interest in the estate, which is to remain undisturbed until her death and then be divided among the heirs. Mrs. Gronsky may decide to do as some of the heirs, who are disposing of their interests to financial concerns in New York City at a discount.

### GUILTY OF SMUGGLING CHINKS ACROSS BORDER

Chicago, June 5.—William H. Clark and Robert W. Stephenson, the latter said to be the son of Judge J. M. Stephenson of Cripple Creek, Colo., pleaded guilty to the charges of conspiracy to smuggle Chinese into this country. Judge Landis deferred the sentence. Clark and Stephenson are among the eight men arrested recently on the charge of assisting Chinese over the Mexican border at El Paso and smuggling them to Chicago aboard dining cars.

### Jury Acquits Carr.

El Paso, Tex., June 4.—Oliver Carr, an El Paso railroad conductor, Moses Thorpe, his porter, and Sam Lee, a Chinaman were acquitted today at Alamogordo N. M., of the charge of conspiracy to smuggle Chinese over the Mexican border. They were believed to be part of a band of eight held at Chicago on the same charge. Carr is still under indictment on the same charge.

### MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIP ONLY AN HALLUCINATION.

Imperial, Calif., June 5.—After having mystified the people of this valley for several days the "airship" which has been seen by many, turned out to be a mirage, which is said to be common over the Salton sea. Last night it looked like a row of tents.

## SANTA FE WILL BUILD FROM CLOVIS TO COLEMAN, TEXAS

Amarillo, Texas, June 5.—The contract for the construction of the Santa Fe extension from Clovis, N. M., to Coleman, Texas, has been awarded to the C. H. Sharp contracting company of Kansas City. The line will be 176 miles long and will cost more than a million and a half dollars. This extension will give the Santa Fe a connecting link with the Gulf of Mexico via Coleman and Brownwood, Texas, and will afford rail communication to a rich section of the Panhandle country now without this convenience. The extension will be built in almost an air line south-east from Clovis to Coleman. The building of this new line will make Clovis at the northwest terminus and Coleman at the southeast end two of the most important railroad divisions on the Santa Fe's south-

## GRAND JURY FILES ITS REPORT

RETURNS A BATCH OF FIFTY-TWO INDICTMENTS FOR VARIOUS OFFENSES

### EIGHT NO TRUE BILLS

SALOONKEEPERS CHARGED WITH VIOLATING SUNDAY CLOSING LAW

### OFFICIAL ACCUSED OF GRAFT

MEMBER OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMONG THOSE INDICTED

After being in session the past twelve days, during which time it examined sixty cases in all, the territorial grand jury for San Miguel county for the May term of the district court, filed its report with Judge W. J. Mills this afternoon and after being thanked by the court, the members of the jury were discharged.

The report of the grand jury is interesting in more ways than one. A big batch of indictments, charging various offenses, were returned, these totalling in all fifty-two, which is an unusually large number. Included among the indicted are understood to be thirteen saloonkeepers of East and West Las Vegas, charged with violating the Sunday closing law by keeping their places open on the seventh day of the week. It is also reported that Benigno Martinez, a member of the board of county commissioners, was indicted on two counts; one for obtaining money under false pretenses while acting in his official capacity and the other for subornation of perjury. The exact nature of the alleged unlawful acts committed by Martinez, are not fully known, but it is said when these are made public, they will cause a small-sized sensation. But eight no true bills were returned by the grand jury.

The complete report of the grand jury, together with the recommendations made by it follows:

**Report of Grand Jury.**  
"In the District Court for the Fourth Judicial District, sitting within and for San Miguel county for the trial of causes arising under the laws of the territory. May Term, 1909.

"To the Honorable William J. Mills chief justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of New Mexico, and judge of the Fourth Judicial District court thereof, for San Miguel county. "Sir:

"We, the Grand Jury, for the county of San Miguel, at the May 1909 term of the District Court for said

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western line, as extensive shops will be built at both points. A number of miles of the line have already been surveyed and graded, and as the route lies across an almost level stretch of country, the building is expected to consume only about two years.

**Town of Clovis Rejoices.**  
Clovis, N. M., June 5.—The receipt of news here today of the awarding of the contract for the Clovis-Coleman extension of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway company caused great rejoicing. The people of Clovis believe that the building of this new connecting link of railroad will make it one of the most important railroad and commercial centers in New Mexico in a few years. The news had a tendency to boost realty values, which were already thought to have reached the top notch.

county, beg leave to report to your Honor as follows:

"We have been in session 12 days, and during that time we have examined into 60 cases, and have returned 52 indictments and 8 no true bills.

"We desire to call attention of the court to the fact that it has come to our knowledge that some of the justices of the peace in this county are settling criminal cases in their courts, and this practice should be stopped at once, and we recommend that the proper official notify these justices of the peace that the settlement of criminal cases in their courts must be discontinued by them, or charges will be preferred against them and they will be prosecuted for such offenses.

"We have examined the offices of the treasurer and collector, the assessor and the county clerk, and find these offices to be conducted in a satisfactory manner.

"We find the business licenses all paid up, with few exceptions, and but a short time has elapsed, since the licenses which we find to be delinquent, were due. We are of the opinion that these collections are being made promptly, with the few delinquencies as above stated.

"In the county treasurer's office we recommend that some improvements be made in the vault so that the records of that office, which are accumulating, may be properly cared for.

"We have examined into the condition of the county jail, and the corral in the rear of the same, and we recommend that a new fence be constructed to replace the one now in use, enclosing the corral. We would also recommend that the floor and wall in one room of the county jail be repaired.

"We have talked with the prisoners in the jail and find that they have no complaint to make as to their care and treatment.

"We are of the opinion that the law relative to the sale of liquors to minors is being constantly violated in the county, but we have been unable to secure testimony sufficient to find indictments for violation of this law.

"We also believe that in districts outside of Las Vegas and East Las Vegas, the Sunday Law is being violated by saloon keepers but we were unable to procure sufficient evidence against the offenders to warrant us in returning indictments against them. We recommend that the Sunday laws be more strictly enforced by the proper authorities.

"Having concluded our labors, with thanks to the court and its officers for courtesies extended to us during our session, we respectfully ask to be discharged.

"Respectfully submitted,  
"ANTONIO ARCHULETA,  
Foreman.

"ROBT. LONG, Clerk".

**Grand Jury Indictments.**  
Among others, the following were indicted by the territorial grand jury:

Enrique Herrera Juan Aragon and Mariscal Vigil, for larceny from the dwelling of George F. Gerk. The men were arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

Felipe Bustamante and Juan Chavez, larceny of cattle. Upon arraignment in court, Chavez pleaded guilty and Bustamante will stand trial.

Thomas Maes, unlawfully carrying pistol. Plead not guilty.

Juan Cortinas, forgery, plead not guilty.

Donaciano Lujan alias Jose Lucero forgery. Plead guilty and the man with two names is in jail awaiting sentence.

Nepomuceno Sanchez, assault with attempt to rape Lina Garduno, plead not guilty.

Juan Romero, assault with deadly weapon. Plead not guilty and case continued.

Pedro Montoya, assault with intent to kill; pleaded guilty to assault with deadly weapon; in jail awaiting judicial lightning to strike.

Sotero Fresquez and Perfecto Salas were arraigned and pleaded not guilty as charged in the indictment.

George McNagel, larceny from the barn of Dr. William Sparks. Plead guilty and row awaiting sentence.

Three indictments were found against Fred Farnham, for larceny of a lantern from a Santa Fe way car, for larceny from a dwelling and for the theft of a switch lamp. Plead not guilty.

In the case of Miguel B. Ortiz, under indictment for assault with knife, defendant failed to appear in court.

## PLAN A LIVE POLITICAL PLAY

NEW YORKERS MAY RESORT TO DRAMA IN THE NEXT CAMPAIGN

### TAMMANY TO BE VILLIAN

PRODUCTION WILL COST \$38,000 AND TICKETS WILL BE FREE

### TAX RATE AS THEME

SCENE LAID IN A NEW YORK SUBURB WHERE MORTGAGE TAKES HERO'S HOME

New York, June 5.—A committee of one hundred professional and business men has under consideration the use of a drama in the next political campaign as the means of offering political education. If the plan is adopted a prominent playwright will write the play with Tammany as the villain. A competent manager will produce the play in each borough as long as it makes a hit. Tickets will be free. The estimated cost is about \$38,000. The tax rate will be the central theme. The hero has prepared a home in a New York suburb for the heroines but the rising tax rate makes it impossible for him to pay interest on the mortgage.

### PHILADELPHIA CAR STRIKE CALLED OFF

Philadelphia, June 5.—The strike of the street car employes, which was called off last night resulted in but little inconvenience when work was resumed with the full force this morning. The basis of the settlement is 22 cents per hour after July 1. Normal car service was resumed today. There was some confusion this morning in assigning men to runs but these small difficulties soon straightened themselves out.

### HAGERMAN'S START ON EUROPEAN TRIP.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hagerman, of Roswell, left the middle of the week for New York, where on June 12 they will sail on the Hamburg-American liner Cincinnati for Hamburg, Germany, and from there will go to the famed mineral springs of Homburg, to spend the summer for Mr. Hagerman's health. If the change is beneficial, they will tour Europe before returning to the United States. For the past year Mr. Hagerman's health has been failing. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hagerman joined them at La Junta and will also make the trip to Europe.

### ALAMOGORDO READY TO WELCOME OLD SOLDIERS.

Alamogordo, N. M., June 5.—Everything is in readiness for the annual encampment of the New Mexico division of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city June 8 and 9. The encampment will be held in Alameda park. Governor George Curry will be present both days and will address the old soldiers. On June 10, the day following the close of the encampment, the old soldiers will go up to Clondercroft on a special train. A low round trip rate has been granted by the railroads for the occasion.

and his bond was declared forfeited. No true bills were returned against Jose Maria Martinez y Garcia, W. G. Cooper, three employees of Fred Westerman, names unknown, Seferino Lucero, Antonio Chavez and Amado Lucero. Sixto Pollock, under indictment for the larceny of cattle from S. L. Fisher at Mineral Hill, was arrested here this morning and placed in jail.